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LOSS -MAKING ROUTES OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has been incurring losses on certain domestic and international routes;

(b) if so, the details of such routes along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Air India has decided to discontinue its flights on certain lossmaking and old routes including flights to Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether certain airlines including Air India propose to discontinue facilities to VIPs and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (c): Civil Aviation is a highly, dynamic and competitive sector. Profit of a route depends on multiple factors such as seasonality of demand, economic growth, festivals, weather patterns etc. and routes do not remain profitable or loss making permanently. In view of the commercially confidential nature as well as its psychological impact on travel patterns, the information cannot be revealed.

In so far as flight to Jabalpur is concerned, Alliance Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India, had temporarily withdrawn its services to Jabalpur w.e.f 27th Nov 14 till 15th Feb 15.The services have been restored on this route w.e.f 16th Feb 15 thrice weekly.

(d): Air India provides certain additional courtesies & facilities to its Premium passengers to retain its clientele and enhance revenues. Air India has therefore no plans to discontinue such facilities. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in this regard has already been in place.